(*c*) whether they are in a position to inform this House the exact number of beggars in the towns of Trichur, Ernakulam and Mattancheri;

(*d*) (1) whether Government have given any instructions or suggestions to the respective Municipalities with regard to this question; or

(2) whether the Municipalities have approached Government with any scheme or suggestions to tackle this problem of beggars?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) (1) No.

(2) The Mattancheri Municipality alone submitted certain proposals in the matter.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT TRUST FOR MATTANCHERI—CONSTITUTION OF

285. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state what objections they have for bringing into existence a self-supporting Town Improvement Trust for Mattancheri?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Government see no need for constituting a Town Improvement Trust for Mattancheri.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Does the Government see no need for Town Improvement Trust? May I take it then that Government think that there is no need for town improvement also?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Government think that there is no need for the Town Improvement Trust; but, as regards town improvement, there is a municipality there which will look after that.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is it because that there is no need for town improvement that you hesitate to bring into existence a Town Improvement Trust?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Improvement of town is wanted, and that is being attended to by the municipality there.

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Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know, Sir, during the last 3 years what all improvement schemes have been brought into existence by the municipality there?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I do not think that question arises out of this.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I at least know what all improvements they have brought about in the matter of improving the town?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Markets have been improved, a Travellers' Bungalow has been started, roads have been widened and steps have been taken to improve the drainage of the place as far as possible.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know how many roads have been widened?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* In narrow places the roads have been widened.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Do you mean by "widening of the roads" the construction of bell-mouths at the junctions?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Bell-mouths too. In certain narrow places the roads have also been widened.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What is the objection in giving us a self-supporting Town Improvement Trust? We don't ask you money. We will find money for the Trust.

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Government feel that there is no need for a Town Improvement Trust there

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know why Government feel so?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* That is the opinion of Government.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* So long as no liability will fall to the Government, is there any specific reason why this should not be allowed? We feel that so long as there are no financial commitments on the part of the Government, this is a matter which is to be seriously taken into consideration.

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* In a small place like Mattancheri where there is a full-fledged municipality

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to attend to the various improvements, Government feel there is no need for a Town Improvement Trust. Even in big cities like Madras, they are only contemplating the constitution of such Trusts. I understand, in Madras it is only just now that they are deputing some officer for training at Bombay.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is the Town Improvement Scheme in Bombay to the knowledge of Government properly working?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* There is no information. We want notice.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I give you the information that there is a Town Improvement Trust in Bombay?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I said already that Madras deputed an officer to study in Bombay. So that there should be a Trust in Bombay.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Do you know the density of population in Mattancheri?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It is a very densely populated place.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* In all densely populated places like Mattancheri we want these Trusts for town improvement. Otherwise, diseases will kill people. You have been saying, "Government see no need for such Trusts". What is the difficulty? Why should you feel that there is no need?

Mr. President: Even with all these handicaps, people are growing strong like Mr. Salem.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* You admit the need for town improvement. But you say, where there are municipalities these town improvement works will be undertaken by them. But I say, the work of the municipalities and these Trusts is different. These Trusts will have to acquire places, to improve them and resell them, and so on. Why can't you put these popular institutions together so that they may scheme things together and bring about the necessary improvements? After all, we request only for a Town Improvement Trust which will be self-supporting. We will find money for our Trust.

Mr. Ismail Hajee Essa Sait *(Mattancheri):* May I know whether the municipality requested the Government to grant them some loan to improve the town?

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Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* They have asked for loans. The schemes have not materialised. We are considering the schemes.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What is the scheme that they have submitted for the town improvement?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Koovapadam and other schemes.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* We have been hearing about this Koovapadam scheme for a long time now. We have been hearing about the other drainage schemes also from a considerable past.

Mr. Ismail Hajee Essa Sait *(Mattancheri):* Is there no limit for the consideration of these schemes?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* As regards the Koovapadam scheme we got a report recently. It is under expert consideration—consideration of the Chief Engineer.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Do you think that the Town Improvement Trust that is asked for is for looking after the Koovapadam scheme?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* What all things will be attended to by the Town Improvement Trust is a matter to be considered after forming the Trust.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Do you know what all are the things that the Town Improvement Trust will deal with?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* That is a thing which should be considered after the Trust is constituted.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* If Government do not know what all things these Town Improvement Trusts will deal with, we will give you the information.

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Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Oh, Yes, very much, provided they give us proper schemes and if the schemes are considered advisable, considerations will be bestowed.

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COCHIN HARBOUR—FIXING OF LIMITS

286. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) when was the award made by the Boundary Commission, and whether a copy of the same has been received by Government;

(*b*) will Government be pleased to state whether the Administrative Office and its premises on the Willingdon Island and the Malabar Hotel and the new Baggage customs are within the jurisdiction of our State?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*) 2nd March 1936. A copy of the award has been received by Government.

(*b*) Yes; the Willingdon Island is exclusively Cochin territory.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Can we have a copy of this award placed on the table of this House?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* That is a matter which has to be considered. I cannot hold out a promise now.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know Sir, whether there is any toll gate at the entrance of the port limit near the Railway line?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* To my knowledge, there is no toll gate there.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is there a gate leading to the port area?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* There is.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is there a toll established at the gate?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Not by the Cochin Government, to my knowledge.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is anybody else authorised to establish a toll in our territory?

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